

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chairman Mike Jopek, on March 10, 2009 at 3:00
P.M., in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Jopek, Chairman (D)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Julie French, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. David Howard (R)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClaafferty (D)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Marshall McEwen, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 126, 3/5/2009; SB 214, 3/5/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 126

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:24 Sen. Terry Murphy (R), SD 39, opened the hearing on SB 126, Implement lifetime rodeo bull transportation permit.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:17 Christian McKay, Executive Officer, Montana Board of Livestock
00:03:18 Rep. Roundstone enters the room.
00:04:40 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association, Montana Cattlewomen

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:17 Rep. Kern
00:05:39 Mr. McKay
00:05:53 Rep. Bean
00:06:10 Mr. McKay
00:06:32 Rep. Belcourt
00:06:49 Mr. McKay
00:07:32 Rep. Belcourt
00:07:42 Mr. McKay
00:07:57 REP. Belcourt
00:08:15 Mr. McKay
00:08:23 Rep. Butcher
00:08:42 Mr. McKay

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:27 Sen. Murphy
00:10:02 Rep. Furey
00:10:10 Chairman Jopek

00:10:27 Break
00:25:10 Reconvene

00:25:15 Chairman Jopek
00:25:56 Rep. McClafferty
00:26:04 Rep. Furey
00:26:09 Chairman Jopek
00:26:15 Rep. Butcher
00:26:38 Chairman Jopek
00:27:48 Rep. Roundstone

00:28:39 Break
00:30:53 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 214

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:31:15 Sen. Donald Steinbeisser (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 214, Increase penalty for cattle theft.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:27 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association,
Montana Cattlemen
00:36:11 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
EXHIBIT(agh53a01)
00:38:00 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic County
Development Corporation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:39:18 Christian McKay, Montana Board of Livestock

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:36 Rep. Wagner
00:40:17 Ms. Overstreet
00:40:31 Rep. Wagner
00:41:32 Ms. Overstreet
00:41:51 Rep. MacDonald
00:42:48 Sen. Steinbeisser
00:43:28 Rep. MacDonald
00:44:03 Sen. Steinbeisser
00:44:27 Chairman Jopek

00:44:49 Mr. McKay
00:47:01 Rep. Taylor
00:47:20 Sen Steinbeisser

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:35 Sen. Steinbeisser
00:48:56 Chairman Jopek

ADJOURNMENT

00:49:30 Adjournment: 4:05 P.M.

Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Exhibit

EXHIBIT (agh53a02) Lester Phillips testimony for SB 214

EXHIBIT (agh53a03) Information pertaining to SB 214

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT (agh53aad.pdf)